payment of TED and Duty Drawback under Deemed Exports and CST for supplies to EOUs. This would be applicable to all sectors.

(c) The new relief package is expected to help exporters face the situation arising out of rupee appreciation in particular and to keep them competitive. This will ensure that country's export targets are met.

(d) Except for Interest subvention which is for the nine identified sectors and SMEs, rest of the package is for all the export sectors.

Formulation of Manufacturing Policy

3114. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate a 'Manufacturing Policy';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) The present Industrial Policy of the Government is guided by the Statemenet on Industrial Policy, 1991 and Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1954, as amended from time to time. Government constituted "National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council" (NMCC) in September, 2004, to function as inter-disciplinary and autonomous body to serve as a policy forum for credible and coherent policy initiative in manufacturing sector. In their interaction with the Ministries NMCC advises in formulating policies and such measures/reforms as may be required for improving the competitiveness and growth of the manufacturing sector. Various incentives in the form of fiscal and tax relief in specified sectors in manufacturing activity are also given. There is a continuous evaluation and review of policy relating to the Manufacturing and other sectors.

Special concession to Indian exports

†3115. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the competition in International market it is necessary to given special concession to Indian exports in order to make sale-purchase of Indian products smooth and profitable;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the average annual concession given to exporters financially by Government during the last five years;

(d) whether it has become necessary to give additional concessions alongwith present concessions; and

(e) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.